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1. Five munitions plants are currently operating in the Zossen (Z-91) area. Two former Wehrmacht plants (location not given) are producing mortars (sic, probably mortar shells). Casings come from upper Silesia by truck and rail. Rail shipments amount to between three and five carloads daily. Some parts are delivered from Eberswalde (V-08) and a plant 20 km north of Jüterbog (E-69). Approximately 800 men are employed in each plant. A third plant between the two Teupitz lakes employs 400 workers, producing mortar and rocket launcher fuses. An informer system in the plant is supplemented by MVD personnel. Some 300 MVD troops are alleged to be in the Zossen area.

2. A former Luftwaffe plant three km south of Zossen employs 1,000 workers producing 20 mm machine gun and 34 mm AA ammunition. A smaller Luftwaffe plant near Töpchin (Z-91) employs 500 men making bomb fuses.

3. A transport brigade with 250 trucks stationed at Wunsdorf (Z-91) is hauling ammunition from the above area to the training grounds near Gross-Born (R-88). Comment: Gross-Born between Magdeburg and Brandenburg, but Altengraben (Z-00) may be meant. Gross-Born is in Pomerania.)

4. Another transport brigade stationed in Zossen is hauling ammunition to the Uchtspringe depot (Y-64). Comment: This presumably refers to the Heeres-Artillerie Versuchs und Messanstalt which reopened in August 1947.

5. A former small Luftwaffe ammunition plant at Basdorf (Brandenburg) was reopened in early February. The plant has 350 to 400 workers living at Neu-Glienicke (U-30).

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